Television serial on Mahabharat

2884. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan propose to telecast any serial on Mahabharata; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has given concept approval for production of the serial 'Mahabharat' by a private Producer namely Shri B. R Chopra. All arrangements such as shooting of the serial etc. is the responsibility of the said producer. A pilot of the programme is yet to be submitted by the Producer for approval of the Selection Committee. Doordarshan can schedule the serial as per their programme need only after at least four complete episodes are made available to Doordarshan by the Producer.

Nomination on the Central Wakf Council

2885. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently asked for a Panel from the Andhra Pradesh Government to be nominated on the Central Wakf Council; and

(b) if so, whether the names recommended by the State Government has been included in the said Panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) Suggestions were invited from various sources including the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for nomination to the vacancies in the Central Wakf Council in 1986. A large number of names were received. The name received from Andhra Pradesh State Government was not included in the nomination.

Adverse reaction to the operation Flood Bulletin in Europe

2886. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the adverse reaction in Europe to the Indian Bulletin on Operation Flood in India's life and part of it issued by the Economic Mission of India to the EEC with a highly inaccurate facts and figures under the foreword by India's Ambassador;

(b) whether apart from the above recent pamphlet issued, the Indian Embassy had issued a pamphlet in January, 1986 stating that India was surplus in animal feeds;

(c) whether these pamphlets were cleared by the nodal Departments before issue and, if so, whether action has been taken against those responsible for this; and

(d) whether Government propose to issue authentic and accurate pamphlets on the above subjects and also make suitable amends to the reading public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Inclusion of Physio Therapists and Occupational Therapists in Rehabilitation Course

2887. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had requested